

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1-27 have been canceled and claims 28-40 have been added by way of the instant response; upon which entry, claims 28-40 will be pending.

Specification Objection

The title of the invention stands objected to as allegedly indescriptive. A new title that overcomes the alleged defect has been submitted by way of the instant response, and the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Objection

Claim 7 stands objected to for allegedly containing informalities. The claim has been canceled by way of the instant response and thus rendering the objection moot. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection.

35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph, Rejection

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. The claim has been canceled by way of the instant response and thus rendering the rejection moot. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection.

35 USC § 101 Rejections

Claims 1-18 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 USC § 101 for allegedly directing to non-statutory subject matters because it is unclear if useful, concrete and tangible products would result. The claims have been canceled by way of the instant response and thus rendering the rejection moot. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections.

35 USC § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 19-21 and 24-27 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by *Doan et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,421,661). The claims have been canceled by way of the instant response and thus rendering the rejections moot. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections.

35 USC § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 5, 10-18, 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over *Doan et al.* in view of *Kawai et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,820,081). Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over *Doan et al.* in view of *Korolev et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,438,539). The claims have been canceled by way of the instant response and thus rendering the rejections moot. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections.

New Claims

Claims 28-40 have been added by way of the instant response. The cited references, *Doan et al.*, *Kawai et al.*, and *Korolev et al.* do not teach or suggest, in combination or isolation, each and every element of the iterator as claimed in claims 28-40. Therefore, at least on this ground, the new claims are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Claims 28-40 are believed to be patentable.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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